



Le Développement Economique pour un Environnement Durable (DEED) Fact Sheet

Background:

Haiti's stability highly depends upon its capacity to develop economically while promoting sustainable environmental practices. The purpose of the Economic Development for a Sustainable Environment's (DEED) market-based approach is to initiate broad scale investments in sustainable natural resource management at the scale and density needed to produce future positive landscape level changes in environmental, infrastructure, and economic vulnerability in select watersheds in Haiti. The DEED project integrates improved management of lands and other natural resource assets with expanded enterprise and job opportunities in the production of high-value crops that create livelihood options for hillside farmers currently trapped in continued poverty.

Activities:

1. Two Field offices, In Cap Haitien and St. Marc, will work to mobilize target communities and producer groups in the Limbé and Montrouis watersheds to develop land use and business plans that not only help protect fragile natural resources, but also create employment and business opportunities.
2. A central office, located in Port-au-Prince, will focus on policy and legislative reform, as well as improving the management capacity of decentralized government agencies and local community groups in support of at least four new protected areas within the target watersheds.

USAID support:

USAID has budgeted \$18M for DEED over the next three years. Two option years are also included in this contract.

Implementer:

DEED is being implemented by Development Alternatives Inc.

Anticipated Results Over Life of Program:

- 20% increase in household income as a result of improvements in agriculture, marketing, and off-farm employment.
- 50,000 hectares of fragile land protected under environmentally sound management as a result of 50% reduction in annual cropping on unsuitable hillsides.
- 2,500 hectares in priority areas will be preserved which will improve the biophysical conditions of the ecosystems.
- 15,000 households' livelihoods will improve.